

City Looks at Preserving Neighborhoods

The trend toward replacing existing homes, or adding on to them, to create oversized houses or ones architecturally incompatible with surrounding neighborhoods has been an increasing concern for jurisdictions throughout the Washington area.

Rockville's Mayor and Council in September discussed the best way to ensure that the character of City neighborhoods are preserved, while also allowing homeowners to continue to improve their homes. However, revising the Zoning Ordinance to address these

concerns has many issues, and the City wants to move in a way that is fair.

In that regard, the Mayor and Council are considering a temporary six-month restriction on the acceptance and processing of permit applications for residential construction until

permanent changes can be added to the City Zoning Ordinance. The six-month restriction would affect permits for homes that exceed specific limits for height; percent of the house

"footprint" that covers the property; or that do not include increase setbacks in lieu of added height.

Applications filed after close of business on Sept. 12, 2005, that exceed the proposed limitations, may be subject to this

temporary restriction. Proposed projects under this temporarily restriction will be subject to the

requirements of the new text amendment. It is anticipated the Zoning Ordinance revisions will be adopted in early 2006.

NEXT STEP

- ✓ Monday, Oct. 10
Possible vote on
adoption of six-month

"We are looking at a modest tightening on limitations to preclude extreme possibilities for oversized housing," said Mayor Larry Giammo. "For every one of these oversized houses, I have seen two dozen great examples of additions that have enhanced property values in Rockville. We are trying to preclude the rare examples of extreme houses that right now can happen in any neighborhood."

Applications received after Sept. 12 will not be processed if the proposed construction will create a residential building that:

- Exceeds 35 feet in height, measured to the peak of the roof
- In which the "footprint" of the house alone exceeds 30 percent of the lot
- Does not include a two-foot additional side yard setback for every one foot in height above 25 feet

Following an extended public comment section on the proposal on Monday, Sept. 26, the Mayor and Council may consider adoption of the six-month restriction as early as their meeting on Monday, Oct. 10. City staff is currently working on another provision that the Mayor and Council said they may want to consider for the new text amendment.

This provision could limit construction if the square footage of the house footprint, plus the square footage footprints of "impervious surfaces" (other hard-surface items on the property), exceed a certain total percentage of the lot. Items that may be considered as impervious surfaces could include garages, driveways, decks and patios.

For more information, visit <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/government/mc/index.htm> or contact the Planning Department at 240-314-8200 or scross@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

First of 120 Historic Plaques Presented

Rockville's Mayor and Council have made it a priority to protect the historic structures in the City. Part of their strategic plan has included a program that will place clearly visible markers on every building in the City that has earned historic designation.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmembers Bob Dorsey and John Hall, Jr., dressed in full period dress, marched up to the historic home at 300 Reading Avenue in East Rockville and gave homeowners Carl and Lisa Bretscher the first plaque presented in the program. The Mayor and Councilmembers then attached the plaque to the front of the home, the origin of which has been traced to about 1893.

"The current home market in many parts of America, including the Washington region, has led to a drive by many homeowners to replace older homes with larger, newer ones," said Mayor Giammo. "In Rockville, we take pride in our historic past—and the homes that define the City's long history. We have embarked on programs that show our intent to preserve these treasured buildings, and by prominently displaying



Councilmember John Hall, Jr. (left), Mayor Larry Giammo (center) and Councilmember Bob Dorsey (right) present Rockville's first historic plaque to the Bretscher family at 300 Reading Avenue.

these plaques, the owners of these homes will demonstrate their pride in helping preserve them."



Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd., the organization dedicated to preserving

the City's past, and Rockville's Division of Historic Planning—which is part of the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services—have studied and researched the home at 300 Reading Ave. The Mayor and Council approved historic designation for the house in 2002.

Peerless Rockville worked to appropriately outfit the Mayor and Council in period costume for the September presentation. For more information, see story on Page 8. **RR**

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Upcoming Agenda Items to Watch

- **Oct. 10 (Mon.)** Citizens' Forum. Public Hearings (Historic Designation of Pump House and APFO), 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 17 (Mon.)** Discussion on College Gardens Low Impact Designs for Stormwater Management (tentative), 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 24 (Mon.)** Citizens' Forum. 7 p.m.

Televised Election Debates on TRC11

Candidates for Rockville Mayor and Council will participate in the following debates televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC11):

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- **Oct. 25—Hosted by:** Falls Grove Civic Association. **Site:** Lakewood Country Club. **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
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October's Best of Rockville

Oct. 2

30th Annual Rockville 10K/5K Montgomery County's oldest continuous running race benefits the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund. 8:30 a.m. King Farm Village Center. 240-314-8620

Oct. 15

Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show. Features special celebration of 50th anniversary of Ford Thunderbird. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Rockville Civic Center Park. FREE. 240-314-5022



Oct. 21

Haunted Happenings Halloween family fun activities. Rockville Civic Center Park. 240-314-5022. 6-9 p.m.

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Deadline Extended for Rockville Residents to Apply for Tax Credits

Low-Income Homeowners Can Still Apply Through Monday, Oct. 31, For Additional Savings

Low-income Rockville residents who own homes will have additional time to take advantage of a new City program that will provide an opportunity to get credits on property taxes.

The new deadline is Monday, Oct. 31, reflecting the State of Maryland's decision to extend the deadline for its statewide tax credit program. The original deadline for both the Maryland and Rockville programs had been Sept. 1.

The Rockville Homeowners' Property Tax Credit program was introduced in conjunction with the FY 2006 proposed budget that City Manager Scott Ullery presented to the Mayor and Council on April 4. The program supplements the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit program that allows credits against the homeowner's property tax bill by setting a limit on the amount of property taxes any

homeowner must pay based upon his or her income.

Rockville immediately organized an extensive campaign to make eligible homeowners aware of the Maryland and City programs. As of Sept. 1, Rockville had received 119 phone inquiries about its program. This does not include callers who may have contacted the state directly by phone or e-mail (options listed in the Rockville advertising campaign). Figures are not yet available from the state on how many people have asked to sign up for the Maryland and Rockville tax credit programs.

The state plan has been in existence since 1975 when it was known as the "circuit breaker" plan. The plan was called circuit breaker because it "shuts off" the property tax bill at a certain point—just like an electric circuit breaker shuts off the current when the circuit becomes overloaded.

The state program allows

for pro-rated savings, depending upon the homeowner's income. Rockville homeowners who qualify for the state program automatically will be credited with an additional 35 percent in savings on their City of Rockville property tax.

The tax credit plan is designed to provide relief to Rockville homeowners who most need help. By working in conjunction with the state's tax credit plan, residents need to fill out only one application. The credits that will be granted from the City will automatically be calculated when the homeowner's state tax credits are determined.

Under the state plan, households with combined gross income of \$35,000 or less may be eligible for the program.

There are several other requirements to participate in the plan. For more information, call 240-314-8400 or 1-800-944-7403. **RR**



PARTY FOR THE POOCHES... The third annual Rockville Doggie Dip Day made for lots of soggy happy dogs in September. Hundreds of dogs and their owners flocked to the Rockville Swim Center to help close the outdoor pools. Proceeds were donated to the Montgomery County Humane Society. (Photo by John Strohm.)

Rockville Millennium Trail: One More Link Complete

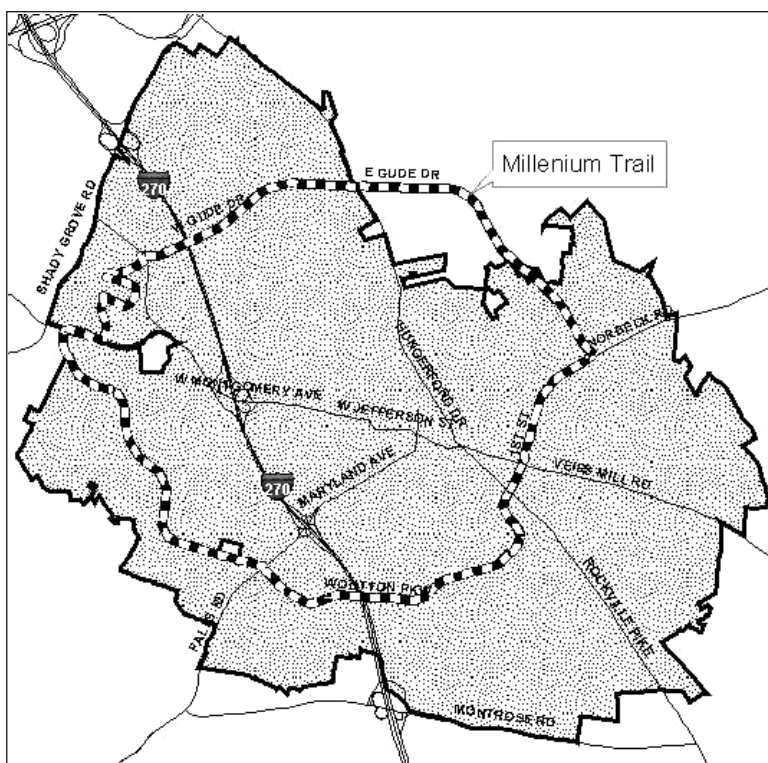
Fall is a perfect time for bicycling in Rockville and now citizens have a little more of the City's planned 10-mile "bike beltway" to explore.

A significant link of The Rockville Millennium Trail — along Norbeck Road from East Gude Drive to Veirs Mill Road — was completed in September. Construction also began on the last section of the path, from Veirs Mill to West Edmonston Drive, which will complete the loop.

"Completing this part of the project is so vital because there was no paved area for pedestrians or bikers at all," said Betsy Thompson, the City's recreation program development coordinator. "On most other parts of the trail there are at least sidewalks that are being widened, but on this stretch, there was no where for people to go."

Now, pedestrians, hikers and bikers who need to travel along this almost two-mile stretch will have a safe path to follow.

The project also includes a new retaining wall to protect the slope and grade of the land leading into the trail along Norbeck Road and extensive landscaping to



The City's Millennium Trail, a 10-mile "bike beltway," is expected to be completed this spring. A significant portion was opened along Norbeck Road from East Gude Drive to Veirs Mill Road in September.

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— Betsy Thompson, Rec. Program Development Coord.

improve the aesthetics of the area.

Most of the funding for this segment of the project, which began in June of 2004, came from a TEA-21 federal grant of \$735,000. The total cost of the project is nearly \$1 million.

"Completing the final segment of the Rockville Millennium Trail will not only add continuity to this path, but also directional signs and mile markers. We're anticipating an exciting grand opening to celebrate May is Bicycle Month," said Thompson.

Thompson expects that final segment of The Millennium Trail to be completed and operational by spring. **RR**

Simoneau Named City's Public Works Director

Craig L. Simoneau, a 22-year U.S. Army veteran, began his position as the new City of Rockville public works director in September.

Before arriving in Rockville, Simoneau was the deputy district engineer for the Chicago District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Most recently, he was the director of public works and logistics for Fort Monroe, Va.

At Fort Monroe, Simoneau was responsible for facility design, construction and maintenance. This included all roads, traffic and engineering projects and the environmental program. Additionally, he was responsible for all housing, logistics, motor vehicle maintenance, refuse, recycling and utilities, including sewer, stormwater management and operations of a water treatment plan.

His most recent project included responsibility for the preparation and response to



Craig Simoneau

Hurricane Isabel that struck Fort Monroe and much of the East Coast in September of 2003. Simoneau led Fort

Monroe's effort in recovering from the extreme flooding damage. The \$89 million recovery effort included repairs to utility systems, first floor damage to almost 100 buildings, the floodwall and roadways.

Simoneau has a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is also a licensed professional engineer.

He lives in Rockville with his wife and children. **RR**



CRANE YOUR NECK TO SEE THIS... Rockville Town Center redevelopment took a major step forward in September with the addition one of the country's largest construction cranes. Standing 350 feet in the air, the large yellow crane will be used to help move large slabs of concrete to construct a parking garage.

ELECTION 2005



ELECCIÓN 2005

Candidates Set for City Election on Nov. 8

Two candidates will compete for the position to be Rockville's next mayor and six candidates will vie for the four council positions in the 60th City of Rockville Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The filing deadline for candidates for Mayor and Council was Sept. 9.

Mayor Larry Giammo, seeking his third term, is being opposed by Brigitta Mullican. She is a retired federal employee who has served on the Rockville Planning Commission for seven years.

The candidates for Council will include incumbents Bob

Dorsey (seeking his seventh term), Susan Hoffmann (seeking her third term) and Anne Robbins (seeking her fourth term). The three challengers for Council will be Phyllis Marcuccio (the former president of the East Rockville Citizens Association), Harry Thomas (former president of the Twinbrook Citizens Association) and Joy Young (executive director of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce).

The November issue of *Rockville Reports* will provide a Voters' Guide Insert that has complete information on the election and the candidates, in-

cluding statements from each candidate. All information will be printed in English and Spanish. After Oct. 1, the statements of the candidates also will be available on the City Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov.

The candidates will have the opportunity to record statements that will be broadcast regularly on The Rockville Channel (cable channel 11) throughout the campaign season.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. on Nov. 8 and remain open until 8 p.m. This will be the second election year that the City will use touch-screen voting machines.

The City will continue its tra-

dition of allowing curbside voting for residents with disabilities. This allows voters who drive to their polling place, but are unable to get from cars to the voting room because of a physical inability to manage stairs or slopes, or because of the distance to the voting room to participate. These voters can ask for a paper ballot to be brought to the curbside by a judge.

Rockville's transportation assistance to the polls for senior citizens again will be in effect. Transportation will be provided from six sites around the City at various hours. More information about the senior transportation

schedule can be obtained from the Senior Services Office at 240-314-8810.

Election results will be tabulated soon after the polls close. The most immediate source of results will be The Rockville Channel and the City's Web site. **RR**

Rockville publishes all election-related materials that appear in Rockville Reports and on the City Web site in Spanish as well as English. The 2000 United States Census demonstrated the increasing Spanish-speaking population in Rockville. The City wants to ensure all residents have as much information as possible concerning voter registration and information about the election.

Candidatos para la elección de la Ciudad el 8 de noviembre

Dos candidatos competirán por el puesto de Alcalde de Rockville y seis candidatos rivalizarán por los cuatro puestos del Consejo de la Ciudad en la 60.ª elección de la Ciudad de Rockville, que se celebrará el martes 8 de noviembre.

La fecha límite para presentarse como candidato a Alcalde o miembro del Consejo fue el 9 de septiembre.

El Alcalde Larry Giammo, que busca su tercer término, se enfrenta a la oposición de Brigitta Mullican, una empleada federal jubilada que ha formado parte de la Comisión de Planificación de Rockville durante siete años.

Los candidatos al Consejo son sus actuales titulares: Bob Dorsey, que busca su séptimo término; Susan Hoffmann, que busca su tercer término, y Anne Robbins, que busca su cuarto término. Los tres nuevos competidores para el Consejo son: Phyllis Marcuccio, ex presidente de la Asociación de Ciudadanos de East Rockville; Harry Thomas, ex presidente de la Asociación de Ciudadanos de Twinbrook, y Joy Young, directora ejecutiva de la Cámara de Comercio de Rockville.

En el número de noviembre de *Rockville Reports* se incluirá en hoja aparte la Guía de Votantes

que contiene la información completa sobre la elección y los candidatos, inclusive las plataformas de acción de cada uno. Toda la información se imprimirá en inglés y español. Después del 1 de octubre, las plataformas de acción de los candidatos también estarán disponibles en el Sitio web de la Ciudad (www.rockvillemd.gov).

Los candidatos también tendrán la oportunidad de grabar sus declaraciones, que se transmitirán regularmente en el Canal de Rockville (canal 11 de cable) durante toda la temporada de la campaña.

Los comicios se abrirán a las 7 a.m. y permanecerán abiertos hasta las 8 p.m. del día 8 de noviembre. Este será el segundo año que la Ciudad proveerá máquinas con pantallas para votar al tacto.

La Ciudad continuará con su tradición de permitir la votación en la vereda para los residentes con discapacidades.

Esto interesa a los votantes que pueden conducir hasta su lugar de votación, pero que no pueden llegar desde los automóviles hasta el recinto de votación debido a una incapacidad física que les impide transitar por escaleras o desniveles, o cubrir la distancia hasta el recinto de votación. Esos votantes pueden pedir que un juez traiga una boleta de voto hasta la vereda.

La asistencia de transporte de Rockville para que las personas de edad lleguen a los lugares de votación estará nuevamente en efecto. Se proporcionará transporte desde seis sitios de la Ciudad a diversas horas. Para obtener más información sobre los horarios de transporte para las personas de edad, se debe llamar a la Oficina de Servicios a las Personas de Edad (240-314-8810).

Los resultados de elección se tabularán inmediatamente después del cierre de los comicios. Las fuentes de información más inmediatas para conocer los resultados serán el Canal de Rockville y el Sitio web de la Ciudad. **RR**

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Groups to Host Televised Debates

Three debates featuring the candidates for Mayor and Council in the 2005 Rockville Elections will be televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11).

The Rockville Campaign Policy adopted prior to the 2003 election season provided for up to three debates being televised on The Rockville Channel. All candidates will be invited to each debate. Separate questions will be directed to the candidates for mayor and the candidates for council.

Incumbent Larry Giammo is being opposed in the election for mayor by Brigitta Mullican. Candidates for Council are incumbents Bob Dorsey, Susan

Hoffmann and Anne Robbins and challengers Phyllis Marcuccio, Harry Thomas and Joy Young.

The televised debates will be organized by the selected groups, which also are responsible for choosing moderators, the format and deciding how questions will be selected. The City's only role in the debates is to tape and broadcast.

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Other citizen groups may hold debates, but according to the City's campaign policy, only three may be televised on the Rockville Channel (TRC11). Check www.rocknet.org for a full list of events.

The Oct. 16 and Oct. 27 debates will be broadcast live on TRC 11, and rebroadcast multiple times prior to the ensuing debate. The Oct. 25 forum will be taped for broadcast at later dates. **RR**

2005 Election Key Dates

- ✓ **Last day to register to vote: Monday, Oct. 10**
Registration forms are available at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or at the County Elections Office on 751 Twinbrook Parkway.
- ✓ **Election Day: Wednesday, Nov. 8**
Polls open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Results will be televised live on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11) and posted online at www.rockvillemd.gov.
- ✓ **Rockville Mayor and Council Inauguration Day: Sunday, Nov. 20**
Citizens are invited to celebrate the inauguration of the 60th Rockville Mayor and Council at 1 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

For a complete guide to the 2005 Rockville Mayor and Council Election, read the *Voter's Guide* in the November edition of *Rockville Reports*.

Rockville Earns High Credit Ratings City Sells \$55.8 Million in Bonds

Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's, two of the world's prominent providers of credit ratings, have each assigned high credit ratings to the City of Rockville following August reviews of the City's current financial status and a look at its future planning.

Moody's assigned Rockville a rating of Aa1. Standard and Poor's assigned the City its rating of AA+. In each case, the ratings re-affirm the City's previous status and are just one step below the top ratings the agencies assign.

The high ratings put the City in an excellent position to sell \$55.85 million in General Obligation Bonds on Monday, Sept. 12, through a competitive bid process. The bonds will be used

to finance construction of parking garages in Rockville's redeveloped Town Center (\$29.7 million); water and sewer capital improvements (\$10.9 million); and various other capital projects in accordance with the City's Capital Improvement Plan (\$15.25 million).

"The rating reflects the City's substantial and growing tax base, solid financial performance and manageable debt position," stated an assessment released by Moody's. "Moody's expects that the City's substantial \$7.6 billion tax base will continue to expand, given its location in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, robust development activity and appreciation of existing properties." **RR**

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

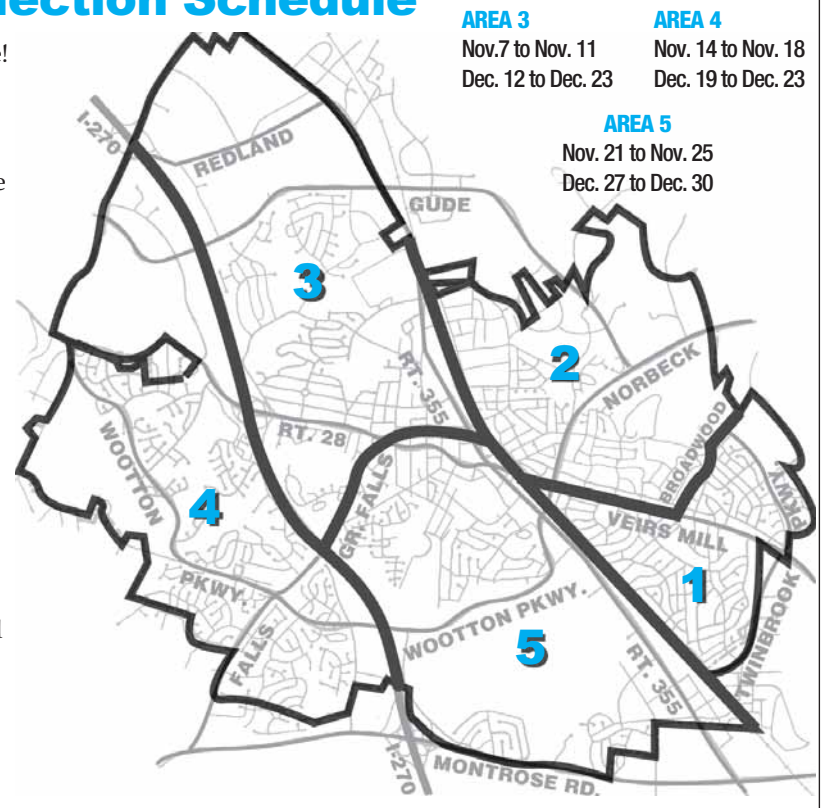
Leaves, leaves everywhere! Each fall and spring, the City helps with yard maintenance by collecting fall leaves.

Simply rake leaves into the gutter, or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists by 7 a.m. on Friday of the collection week. Be sure to remove all limbs, rocks and other heavy objects. Do not place the leaves in plastic bags.

The City recycling program will collect the leaves and grass in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers.

For specific questions, call 240-314-8570. **RR**

AREA 1 Oct. 24 to Oct. 28 Nov. 28 to Dec. 2	AREA 2 Oct. 31 to Nov. 4 Dec. 5 to Dec. 9
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City Police Help Citizens Prepare For the Unexpected

Whether man-made threats or natural disasters, city or statewide emergencies can happen at anytime. That is why it is important for families, friends and co-workers to prepare together before a tragedy strikes so that everyone is confident in what to do during an emergency.

The City of Rockville Police are encouraging civic and homeowners association to host community information sessions on Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Trained representatives from the City are available to discuss and answer questions about the National Capitol Region emergency planning efforts,

the Montgomery County and City of Rockville preparedness plans, the new Rockville "Reverse 911" telephone emergency notification system, and the regional, county, and city emergency text messaging system. In addition, presenters will provide suggestions on how individuals and families can be prepared.

Information on how to protect yourself and the risks for our area, along with personal preparedness wallet sized information cards will be provided to all participants.

To schedule a session, contact Rockville Police Chief Terry Treschuk at 240-314-8912 or ttreschuk@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

What's in an Emergency Supply Kit?

It is recommended to prepare a kit with enough supplies for three days. Essential items needed are:

- **Water:** Approximately one gallon per person per day
- **Food:** Canned and dried foods (remember manual can opener and eating utensils)
- **Clothing:** Appropriate for the season; include footwear and rain gear
- **Bedding:** Blankets and sleeping bags
- **Emergency supplies:** First aid kit, flashlight, extra batteries, battery-powered radio, wrench/pliers (to turn off utilities), moist towelettes, plastic sheeting and duct tape to cover windows
- **Family needs** – Cash, in case ATMs or banks are unavailable, prescription medications, infant formula and diapers, eyeglasses/contacts, entertainment, etc.
- **Family documents** – Insurance policies, birth certificates, bank account records, etc. (place in a portable water proof container)
- **Pets** – Store extra food, water and supplies for your pet.

For more information about how to prepare for an emergency, visit the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov.

Rockville U Seeks Latino Participants

Rockville University — the City's free, six-week citizen awareness program sponsored by the City Manager's Office—will open its doors once again this fall to help educate citizens about their community. The program is open to anyone, but this session of Rockville U will be designed to specifically address the needs and interests of those in the Rockville Latino community.

The 11th session of Rockville U will be held every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m., beginning Oct. 12, at the Twinbrook Community Center. The semester will include two Saturday "field trips" around the City.



"Latinos are a growing population in Rockville and we want to be sure we are doing everything we can to engage this community's active participation in City government," said Dwayne Jenkins, one of the City's neighborhood

resources coordinator.

"Rockville U is a unique way for adults to learn more about how the City operates and the many benefits it offers to its citizens. Empowered with the knowledge they have gained, many graduates have gone on to hold leadership positions in their communities and even run for Mayor and City Council."

Rockville University is open to any Rockville resident, 16 and older, who is curious about the dynamics of their community, likes hands-on learning and enjoys having fun. To register, call 240-314-8343 or e-mail djenkins@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

La Universidad de Rockville procura la participación de los latinos

La Universidad de Rockville (Rockville U) es el programa gratuito de toma de conciencia que ofrece la Ciudad por un período de seis semanas. La Universidad abrirá una vez más sus puertas este otoño para ayudar a educar a los ciudadanos acerca de su comunidad. Si bien el programa está abierto para todos, esta sesión de la Rockville U se creó para atender específicamente las necesidades y los intereses de la comunidad latina de Rockville.

Las clases de la 11.ª sesión de la Rockville U, que comenzarán el 12 de octubre, se dictarán los miércoles de 7 a 9 de la noche en el Centro Comunitario de Twinbrook

(Twinbrook Community Center) e incluirán dos excursiones sabatinas alrededor de la Ciudad.

Dwayne Jenkins, uno de los coordinadores de recursos del vecindario de la Ciudad dijo: "La población latina crece cada vez más en Rockville y queremos estar seguros de que estamos haciendo todo lo posible para atraer a esta comunidad y promover su participación activa en el gobierno de la Ciudad". La Rockville U es una medio excelente para que los adultos aprendan más sobre la forma en que funciona la Ciudad y los múltiples beneficios que esta ofrece a sus ciudadanos. Cuando se sienten fortalecidos con el conocimiento que han

ganado, muchos graduados siguen adelante para ocupar posiciones de liderazgo en sus comunidades y hasta se postulan para ser Alcalde o formar parte del Consejo de la Ciudad".

La universidad de Rockville está abierta a cualquiera residente de Rockville de 16 años o más, que sienta curiosidad acerca de la dinámica de su comunidad, le guste el aprendizaje práctico y goce de la diversión. Para inscribirse, llame al señor Jenkins (240-314-8343) o envíe un mensaje por correo electrónico (djenkins@rockvillemd.gov). **RR**

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INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the City Government at Work

Thomas Farm Community Center Meeting Oct. 11

The Mayor and Council have been strong supporters of building a Rockville community center west of I-270. That vision is coming to fruition as the City works with residents to develop plans for the new Thomas Farm Community Center.

A public meeting to review and comment on site plans and proposed building designs for the community center will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Lakewood Elementary School, located at 2534 Lindley Terrace in Rockville.

The new community center, scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2006, will be lo-

cated at the intersection of Falls Grove Drive and West Montgomery Avenue in the Falls Grove neighborhood. Concept plans call for the center to include a gymnasium, two multi-purpose rooms, a fitness center, game room, locker rooms, a kitchenette, offices and storage space.

Meeting participants will have the opportunity to comment on proposed plans for the community center's location, driveway, parking areas and interior layout.

For more information, call the City's Department of Recreation and Parks at 240-314-8620 or visit www.rockville.md.gov. **RR**



Above is a preliminary design of what a new Champion Billiards showroom may look like on Rockville Pike. A proposal for the building was presented to the Mayor and Council and Planning Commission for the first time in September.

Champion Billiards Show Plans for New Showroom

At a joint meeting between the Mayor and Council and the Planning Commission on Sept. 19, Champion Billiards, one of the largest retailers of billiard equipment in Rockville, proposed plans to construct a new showroom facility on the vacant lot at the southeast corner of Rockville Pike and Edmonston Drive.

Under the optional method of development, Champion Billiards is seeking to build a new two-story, 12,574-square-foot freestanding, furniture sales center and parking lot that would house its show room and sales agent offices that are currently located in the Federal Plaza shopping center just outside the City limits on Rockville Pike.

Champion Billiards Café, the company's restaurant, is not anticipated to be part of the application and would remain in its current location at Federal Plaza.

The Mayor and Council and Planning Commission generally liked the proposal, which would include enhanced landscaping between the building and the roadways. Members of each also were in support of the company's interest in building a vegetative "green roof" that would help control stormwater run-off.

After receiving feedback on its designs, the company is expected to submit its formal preliminary development plan application to the City by the beginning of October. **RR**

Martin Luther King, Jr. and Taff Award Nominees Due

The Rockville Mayor and Council and the City's Human Rights Commission are seeking nominations for the annual F. Michael Taff Award and the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award that will be presented at the City's 34th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Jan. 16, 2006. The nomination deadline for both awards is Dec. 7.

The Taff Award honors an individual or organization that has made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities. This contribution may include efforts to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, raise public awareness of disability issues, or in any way further the cause of people with disabilities.

The award bears the name of F. Michael Taff, former chairperson of the Rockville Human Rights Commission who demonstrated a commitment to people with disabilities.

Last year's winner was David L'Heureux, a Rockville resident and retired Senior Foreign Service Officer. L'Heureux worked with developmentally disabled persons in the community and tirelessly helped raise the awareness about persons with disabilities.

He also chaired or participated in several groups that focused on the inclusion of persons with disabilities into the community.

"This award is really a statement of kindness, generosity and selflessness on behalf of the recipient," said Janet Kelly, the City's staff coordinator of the event.

The Taff Award is open to

a business, non-profit employer or individual. Federal, state and local government agencies are not eligible for the award, but they are encouraged to submit nominations.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Award honors a student attending a high school in Rockville who has embraced and promoted the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nominees for the award will be judged on their consistent attention to pursuing avenues leading to peace and/or awareness and appreciation for everyone.

Last year there were two Youth Award recipients. They were Daniel Chou of Rockville High School and Tanya Lofton of Wootton High School.

"The Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Award is typically presented to a teen who embodies the vision of the great Dr. King Jr.," Kelly said. "Through the media and the arts, both recipients raised awareness of human rights issues and relayed the message and vision of Dr. King to their peers."

Applications to make nominations for the awards may be obtained by calling the Human Rights Office at 240-314-8316 or by visiting www.rockville.md.gov. Send completed applications to the Rockville Human Rights Commission, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md., 20850.

To request this information in another form, call the City's ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8139 (TTY 240-314-8137). **RR**



Mayor
Larry Giammo



Councilmember
Robert E. (Bob) Dorsey



Councilmember
John F. Hall, Jr.



Councilmember
Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember
Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, the Councilmember scheduled for October is:

- **Monday, Oct. 17:** Anne Robbins

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- **Oct. 10 (Mon.)** Citizens' Forum. Public Hearings (Historic Designation of Pump House and APFO), 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 17 (Mon.)** Discussion on College Gardens Low Impact Designs for Stormwater Management (tentative), 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 24 (Mon.)** Citizens' Forum. 7 p.m.

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Human Services Advisory Commission (one at-large)
- Human Rights Commission (two)
- Rockville Scholarship Fund (one)
- Rockville Seniors, Inc. (one)
- Rockville Sister City Corp. (two)
- Traffic and Transportation (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.



CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS... Rockville honored more than 400 volunteers to City programs at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic held on the grounds of Glenview Mansion on Sept. 9. Helping thank the volunteers were (left to right) Maryland State Delegates Kumar Barve and Luiz Simmons; State Senator Jennie Forehand; Rockville Councilmembers Bob Dorsey, John Hall Jr. and Anne Robbins; and Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo.



Top winners in Rockville's Annual Antique and Classic Car Show earn a coveted honor: The chance to drive on the front lawn of historic Glenview Mansion for a rare photo opportunity.

Thunderbird Speeds Into Car Show Oct. 15

Art Sale to Benefit Katrina Victims

The grounds of the Rockville Civic Center Park will be covered with not only colorful fall leaves, but also with more than 400 multi-colored historic automobiles at the annual Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

The show, which was first held in 1954, is one of the premiere classic car shows on the East Coast. For many proud owners, it traditionally is their final show of the year. The free show attracts crowds of more than 10,000 every October.

This year the show will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Ford Thunderbird, while also contributing to relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Over the years, the Ford Thunderbird has earned its place in U.S. history as an icon of automotive technology.

According to Ford's Web site, when the Thunderbird was introduced in 1955, it was intended to compete with the Chevrolet Corvette. It was a two-seat car with clean styling, creature comforts, and V8 refinements.

In 1958, the Thunderbird was transformed into a four-seat car. It had boxy lines, a wide-pillar roof, and was classified a personal luxury car. Although in 1955-57 two seat roadsters were very popular, many people wanted the convenience of a car with more passenger and cargo room.

The revamped, four-door Thunderbird was an instant success, and it was named *Motor Trend Magazine's* Car of the Year.

From 1961 to today, the Thunderbird underwent significant cosmetic and internal transformations.

Today, the 50th anniversary

model joins Ford's two-seat convertible line for 2005. Ford has scheduled the Thunderbird to be discontinued after 2005.

"The Car Show comes at a time when there are many who have lost not only their cars, but all of their possessions to Hurricane Katrina," said Mike Henry, Rockville's coordinator of special events. "This year's Car Show is a great opportunity for people to see some beautiful automobiles while supporting an important cause."

In addition to viewing the cars, attendees can purchase pre-designed artwork and paintings created on site of the cars by Rockville Art League artists. All proceeds will go to support the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Rockville's "One Bead At A Time" program also will be giving away Mardi Gras beads for donations.

Members from 22 car clubs will participate in this year's show. The relaxed lawn setting of Rockville Civic Center Park encourages auto collectors, enthusiasts and just curious car lovers to share their common automotive passions, tips and fond memories of the classic cars of yesteryear. Participants can stroll through the cars on display, shop at the car-related flea market and sample tasty treats from the numerous food vendors.

The Rockin'ville Swing Band, a group of Rockville Concert Band performers, will provide musical entertainment while youth play in the moon bounce and paint a pumpkin. All spectators enter free.

Civic Center Park is located at Baltimore Road and East Edmonston Drive. For more information call 240-314-5022 or visit www.rockville.md.gov. **RR**

'Walk to School Day' Is Oct. 5

Three Rockville elementary schools will be joining schools around the world to celebrate "International Walk to School Day" on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

More than a dozen Montgomery County Public Schools will participate in the event, including Meadow Hall, Beall and College Gardens elementary schools in Rockville. The event is part of a local "Safe Routes To School" initiative spearheaded by the City of Rockville.

Now in its ninth year, International Walk to School Day is expected to include 3,000 schools from all 50 states. The idea is to walk to school together with several purposes, including health, safety, physical activity and concern for the environment.

Walkers from the United States will join children and adults in 36 countries around the world. The event is part of a week of festivities celebrating International Walk to School Week (Oct. 3-7).



Parents and children walk to Meadow Hall Elementary School.

Students, parents and community leaders from the Meadow Hall, Beall and College Gardens communities will gather at various locations and begin walking together 15-20 minutes before each school day starts. The intention is for groups to form together to create a "walking school bus," which is encouraged to continue after this one-day event.

"For many people in this generation, walking to school has become a lost activity," said Betsy Thompson, the recreation program development coordinator for Rockville's Department of Recreation and Parks. "We want parents to help today's kids rediscover that walking to school is great exercise, helps build friendships and is just a super way to get the day started."

For additional local information on Walk to School Day or Rockville's Safe Routes to School initiative, contact Thompson at 240-314-8627. **RR**



City youth prepare for the Halloween fun at the Croydon "Creep" Nature Center at the 2004 Haunted Happenings.

Spooktacular Haunted Happenings in Rockville

The tree leaves are turning brown, pumpkins are being picked and carved, apple cider is being served and the scarecrows are being stuffed—all signs that Halloween is coming soon in Rockville.

Celebrate with the City at a variety of creepy, crawly and just plain fun events for all ages:

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

HAUNTED HAPPENINGS Rockville Civic Center Park

- 6 p.m.
- FREE (cost for some items)
- 240-314-8605

Take part in spooky fun at Rockville's signature Halloween event.

At 7 p.m., watch the drive-in movie *Hocus Pocus* shown on a 25-foot screen and heard through each car's F.M. radio.

The Croydon "Creep" Nature Center, featuring Dr. Blood, will be in motion from 7-8 p.m. with all his slimy and slithery friends.

Glow-in-the-dark fun can be found at the moonbounce and a spooky tour of the Rockville Cemetery also will be offered.

There is a \$5 per vehicle charge for movie parking and a concession stand with movie-style treats will be available. Other events are free. Bring your own pumpkin or buy a pumpkin to paint for \$1.

Flashlights are suggested for navigation in the dark.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

FOURTH ANNUAL FALL SPOOKTACULAR Twinbrook Community Rec. Ctr.

- 1-3 p.m.
- \$1 per person. Additional \$2 for pumpkin painting or scarecrow making
- 240-314-8830

Families are invited to the center for an afternoon of activities including a moonbounce, carnival games and prizes, Halloween Bingo, arts and crafts, a fortune teller and other entertainment.

Prizes will be awarded for the best, scariest, funniest and most original costumes.

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

MCCRRC HALLOWEEN YOUNG RUN Gude Drive and Route 355

- 9 a.m.
- 301-353-0200

Children 12 and under can participate in a road race just for them sponsored by the Montgomery County Road Runners Club (MCCRRC). There are three distances: One mile, one-half mile or one-quarter mile.

Register online at www.mccrrc.org/hyr. **RR**

— By Rebecca Janoff

Rockville 10K/5K Runs At King Farm on Oct. 2

King Farm, one of Rockville's newest communities, will be the site of Montgomery County's oldest continuing running race, which will celebrate its 30th anniversary this year. More than 600 runners are expected to gather in the King Farm Village Center for the start of the Rockville 10K/5K at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2.

The Montgomery County Road Runners Club, in conjunction with the Rockville Recreation and Parks Department, will conduct the Rockville 10K/

5K. The race will kick off with a rousing stretch routine led by representatives of the Sergeant's Program.

The race is expected to conclude about 10 a.m. Awards and prizes will be distributed, including a \$1,000 travel gift certificate as a random prize. Brunch will be provided by restaurants in King Farm Village Center.

For more information, including fees, race registration or to volunteer, visit www.mccrrc.org by 12 noon on Oct. 14 or call 301-460-8888. **RR**

In Brief

Special Fitness Rates At Lincoln Park CC

For a little over \$4 per month, Rockville City residents can take advantage of the modern workout equipment offered at Rockville's Lincoln Park Community Center to stay healthy and fit.

An annual membership to the fitness center is now just \$50 for residents, \$75 for non-residents, making it one of the best deals in the area.

The facility is open from 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and beginning on Oct. 30, also on Sundays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The fitness center features treadmills, elliptical trainers, stationary bikes, stepping machines, free weights, York Weight Machines and a Cable Cross-Over. Classes also are available for an additional fee.

Sign-up at the center's front desk. Lincoln Park Community Center is located at 357 Frederick Avenue.

CALL **240-314-2780** FOR INFO

Glenview Holiday Tree Decorators Wanted

Each year, Rockville community groups volunteer to deco-

rate a tree or space in Glenview Mansion as part of the historic mansion's hugely popular Holiday Open Houses, held Sundays in December.

Additional volunteer groups are needed to help create this year's display. Decorating will take place the week of Nov. 28-Dec. 2. An honorarium of \$50 is provided to each group for decoration costs.

For more information or to participate, contact the Glenview Mansion Office at 240-314-8660.

CALL **240-314-8660** FOR INFO

Be a Guiding Light: Lead Rockville Tours

The Montgomery County Historical Society is seeking docents for its Rockville school tours.

Tours are provided to students in second through fifth grades. Docents work two or three mornings per month generally, Wednesday through Friday. Training will take place on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 6 and 7, from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon at the Beall-Dawson House and Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine at 103 West Montgomery Avenue.

For more information, contact Emily Correll at 301-340-

2825 or ecorrell@montgomeryhistory.org.

CALL **301-340-2825** FOR INFO

Talk it Out To Work it Out

The Rockville Human Rights Commission sponsors a Community Mediation Program for City residents and persons that have experienced conflict in Rockville.

If you have experienced discrimination in a work or public place, or if you are a neighbor, local organization, landlord, tenant, friend, customer, business owner, HOA, homeowner, employer, or employee that is experiencing a conflict, and would like a mutually beneficial resolution to a dispute, call the Rockville Community Mediation Program at 240-314-8316.

The program is free and confidential.

CALL **240-314-8316** FOR INFO

Red Brick Courthouse Exhibits City's History

From Rockville's development, to integration, to experience during World War II, a variety of exhibits about important times in the City's history are on now display at the Red Brick Courthouse.



A SALUTE TO NONPROFITS... More than 30 nonprofit organizations were honored by The Rockville Chamber of Commerce, the Rockville business community and the City of Rockville's Human Services Advisory Commission at a special "Out to Lunch Wednesdays" event on Sept. 7 on East Montgomery Avenue in Rockville Town Center.

The exhibits are conducted by Peerless Rockville, the City nonprofit historic organization.

The Red Brick Courthouse displays are free and open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

CALL **240-762-0096** FOR INFO

Volunteers Needed to Assist Environment

The City of Rockville's Environment Commission is looking for volunteers to assist the Commission on the following

topics: Education and Outreach; Watersheds and Stormwater Management; and High-Performance Buildings and Energy Efficiency.

Citizens who are high school aged or older are welcome to volunteer to participate on the work groups. The groups will meet at the discretion of the members but generally once per month, and will interact directly with the Environment Commission.

E-mail nwall@rockvillemd.gov.

CALL **240-314-8212** FOR INFO

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Rockville Growers Only Farmers' Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Route 28 and Monroe Street. Free parking. 240-314-5022

2 **30th Annual Rockville 10K/5K** Montgomery County's oldest running race to benefit the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund. 8:30 a.m. King Farm Village Center. 240-314-8620

5,12,19,26 **Out To Lunch Wednesdays** Food, music, and Farmers' Market. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. East Montgomery Avenue. 240-314-5022

12,15 **Peerless Rockville's Walking Tour of Historic Rockville** 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. East Montgomery Avenue. 301-762-0096

15 **Antique and Classic Car Show** Features 50th anniversary of Ford Thunderbird. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Rockville Civic Center Park. 240-314-5022

18 **Peerless Rockville's Second Celebrity Challenge** 7:30 p.m. Historic Red Brick Courthouse in Town Center. 301-762-0096

21 **Haunted Happenings** 6-9 p.m. Halloween family fun activities. Rockville Civic Center Park. 240-314-5022

22 **Tenth Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference** 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Montgomery College Rockville Campus. 301-309-9461

28 **Fall Wine Tasting Social** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Rockville Senior Center. 240-314-5029

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

1,2 **Rockville Little Theater presents "The Man Who Came to Dinner"** 8 p.m. (except Oct. 2 at 2 p.m.) F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets: \$14

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calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

adults, \$12 children and seniors, \$7 youth. 301-340-1417

2-Nov. 1 **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery: Hsin-His Chen-drawings. Jeanne Drevas-sculpture. Janet Wheeler-mixed media.** Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tues. and Thurs. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Reception Sunday, Oct. 9, 1-4 p.m. Rockville Civic Center Park. FREE. 240-314-8682

2 **Glenview Mansion Sunday Afternoon Concert Series** U.S. Navy Band Chamber Ensembles. 2-3 p.m. FREE. 240-314-8682

8 **Seneca Gospel Chorus** 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. 240-314-8690

15 **National Philharmonic Concert** "String Quartets." 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets \$25, \$18, \$11. 240-314-8690

16 **Barbershop Group** F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets \$15. 240-314-8690

28,29-Nov. 4,5, 11,12,18,19 **Rockville Musical Theater presents "Honk"** 8 p.m. (except Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.) F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets \$15 adult, \$8 youth. 301-530-6477

NATURE

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register by mail, online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770

4 **Autumn Apples** Taste freshly made applesauce, make a Johnny Appleseed pouch and taste a different variety of apples. 10-11 a.m. All ages. \$5 RES/ \$6 NR.

12 **Tiny Tot Walk-The Very Quiet Cricket** What's all that chirping coming from the meadow? Crickets, grasshoppers and katydids are autumn's min-

strels. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 1 1/2-2. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

12 **The Very Quiet Cricket -Tyke Hike** What's all that chirping coming from the meadow? Crickets, grasshoppers and katydids are autumn's minstrels. 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-6. \$4 RES/ \$5 NR.

18 **Leaves, Leaves Everywhere!** Learn about these special tree parts through a story, hike and craft. 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

21 **Croydon Creep** Before the Drive-in Movie on the lawn, join Croydon Creep for some Halloween festivities. 6-8 p.m. All ages - no reservations required. FREE.

22 **Monarch's Migration - High School Lecture Series.** 10 a.m.-12 noon. Ages 13-over. \$5 RES/\$6 NR.

25 **Pumpkin Crafts** 4-5 p.m. Ages 5-over. \$8 RES/\$9 NR

SENIORS

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800

3 **Putting Your Garden to Rest** 1-2 p.m. \$2 MEM/\$4 NM.

5 **October Birthday and Anniversary Party** 1:30-3 p.m. FREE. Register by Sept. 28.

5 **Clarify Computer Concepts** 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$6 MEM/\$8 NM

6 **Veteran's Benefits** 10 a.m.-12 noon. FREE. Register by Sept. 29.

6 **New Facts About Fat** 10-11 a.m. FREE.

11 **Health Seminars** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FREE.

11 **Balance and Gait Screening** 11 a.m.-12 noon.

11 **Lecture on Stroke Prevention** 1-2 p.m.

11-20 **Digital Photography for Beginners** 10 a.m.-12 noon \$35 MEM/\$40 NM

11-27 **Computers - Windows XP** 1-3 p.m. \$35 MEM/\$43 NM

12 **Community Corner - Expanding Your Life With a Pet** 10:15-11:15 a.m. FREE. Register by Oct. 5.

17,19 **Computers - Windows Paint** 1-3 pm \$7 MEM/\$10 NM

18 **Donna Dewberry One Stroke Painting - Snowman Tray** 10 a.m.-12 noon \$35 MEM/\$40 NM. Register by Oct. 11.

18 **Manage your income for a safe retirement** 1-2:30 p.m. FREE

19 **Sugarloaf, Our Closest Mountain** 10 a.m.-12 noon FREE. Register by Oct. 12.

19 **Would you Like to be a Diamond?** 10-11:30 a.m. FREE.

20 **How to make your Doctor Appointment Successful** 1-2 p.m. FREE.

24,31 **Digital Photography for Intermediates** 10 a.m.-12 noon \$35 MEM/\$40 NM

25,27 **Genealogy: Family Trees and the Internet** 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$12 MEM/\$15 NM. Register by Oct. 18.

26 **Jewelry Making With 2 Sisters** 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$28 MEM/\$35 NM. Register by Oct. 19.

26,Nov.15 **Flue Clinic** 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

28 **Short Story Writing** 10:15 a.m.-12 noon. FREE. Register by Oct. 19.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

1 **Board of Appeals** 9:30 a.m.

5 **Planning Commission** 7 p.m.

5 **Cultural Arts Commission** 7 p.m.

11 **Human Services Advisory Commission** 7:30 p.m. Senior Center

11 **Commission on the Environment** 7:30 p.m.

12 **Sign Review Board** 4 p.m. (held as needed)

18 **Rockville Seniors, Inc.** 1 p.m. Senior Center

18 **Town Center Action Team** 7 p.m. Room 105, Red Brick Courthouse

19 **Rockville Housing Enterprises** 6:30 p.m. Lincoln Park Community Center

19 **Planning Commission** 7 p.m.

20 **Historic District Commission** 7 p.m.

20 **Rockville Sister City Corporation** 7:30 p.m. Senior Center

20 **Senior Citizens Commission** 10 a.m. Senior Center

25 **Traffic and Transportation Commission** 7:30 p.m.

26 **Human Rights Commission** 7:30 p.m.

27 **Recreation and Parks Board** 7 p.m. Elwood Smith Comm. Center

28 **Rockville Economic Development, Inc. Board Meeting** 7:30 a.m., 95 Monroe Street (call 301-315-8096)

Rockville Up Close: Commission Gives Homes Marks of Distinction

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations.

For the past year and a half, the City’s Historic District Commission has worked with City staff, the Mayor and Council and citizens of Rockville to research and produce 120 bronze plaques identifying homes that have received historic designation through the City and the year that they were built.

The first home to receive a plaque as part of



This house at 300 Reading Avenue in East Rockville is the first to be adorned with a City of Rockville plaque noting its historic designation. Homeowners Carl and Lisa Bretscher accepted the plaque from the Mayor and Council in September.

“The City program to place plaques on properties that have been designated historic will include about 120 properties.”

the City’s historic designation program is located at 300 Reading Avenue in East Rockville. The plaque was presented by Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmembers Bob Dorsey and John Hall, Jr. on Sept. 10. Known as the “Carey

and Hattie Kingdon House,” the building is a rectangular framed, 2 1/2-story house with a cross-gabled roof that features prominent shingled gables on three sides and has a full width front porch. It is owned by Carl and Lisa Bretscher who have lived there for approximately six years with their three children. From 1911 to 1977, 300

Reading Avenue was associated with the Kingdon family, which was active in Rockville civic affairs. The house reflects the development of Rockville during the last quarter of the 19th century, near what was then the new B&O railroad station. Research shows that the home was built by Mary and Hobart Hutton. Hattie and Carey Kingdon bought the home in 1911.

The City program to place plaques on properties that have been designated historic will include about 120 properties. This number will increase as more Rockville properties are designated historic.

For more information on the City’s historic preservation efforts, or to learn how to obtain historic designation, see the Rockville Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov. [RR](#)



Volunteer Time: “Grand Readers” In Rockville

There are many ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations by volunteering in the City. Each month “Volunteer Time” highlights a different opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community.

The second graders at Twinbrook and Maryvale elementary schools appreciate nothing more than reading with their “grandparents.” However, these “grandparents” are not relatives. They are volunteers from the Interages Grand Readers program.

Interages, a nonprofit organization established in 1986, is designed to join young children and older adults. Six years ago, it created the Grand Readers program as a by-product of its “Bridges” program, a service that connected newly immigrated children with older adults in order to better adapt to their new homes. Rockville elementary schools formed a partnership with Grand Readers last year.

The program pairs adults over age 50 with second grade students. “This program helps children who need an extra boost at this critical time in their reading,” said Sara Cartmill, the Interages volunteer manager.

Marcha O’Connel, a retired school counselor, is starting her second year as a Grand Readers volunteer. As a mother of five and a grandmother of 10, she still shares some time with her Grand Readers child at Maryvale Elementary.

“We warm up to each other over the joy of reading,” she said. “Everyone has something to contribute to these kids.”

A love for children is all that is required to become involved. Ten to 15 volunteers are needed in both the Maryvale and Twinbrook schools to donate one hour per week of reading time. Times are flexible. Books, training, and on-site supervision are provided.

If interested, contact Cartmill at 301-949-3551 or Cartmill@interagesmd.org.

— by Rebecca Janoff

Taste Wines of North and South America Rockville Sister City Fall Tasting Event on Friday, Oct. 28

Throughout the year, Rockville’s Sister City Corporation promotes an exchange of cultural traditions and broadens our awareness of the global community through a variety of special programs.

This fall, the 48-year-old group will continue one of its newest traditions—The Second Annual Red Wine Tasting Social. The social will be held Friday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rockville Senior Center’s Carnation Room.

The evening affair will feature a selection of Merlot, Cabernet, Pinot Noir, Chianti, Zinfandel and other

wines from North and South America. A spread of delicious cheeses and other foods also will be on hand to compliment the wine.

“There are a variety of flavorful red and white wines around the world, but some of the best are produced on our own continent,” said Wayne Savage, chairman of the event. “Our second annual fall wine tasting event offers a special opportunity for area wine connoisseurs to interact with each other while learning about and sampling exceptional food and drink.”

Rockville’s Sister City Corporation has fostered the




sharing of cultures between Pinneberg, Germany, and Rockville since 1957.

Registration is available through members of the Rockville Sister City Corporation, the City Hall Information Desk and the Senior Center or by sending a check and registration form to Rockville Sister City Corporation, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Md. 20850.

Admission for RSCC members is \$20 if purchased before Oct. 14. Non-members who register early will pay \$25. After Oct. 14, the price will increase to \$30 for all members and non-members.

For more information call 240-314-5029. [RR](#)

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL OCTOBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 Midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▾	Historic District Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Historic District Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾
6 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 a.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 a.m.	Health Wise	Customer Service	Responsible & Responsive	Customer Service	Responsible & Responsive	Customer Service	Health Wise
7:30 a.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 a.m.	Historic District Commission ▾	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council ▾
9 a.m.	▾	Candidate Debate/Forum (after approx. Oct. 11th) ▾	Croydon Creek	Candidate Debate/Forum (after approx. Oct. 11th) ▾	Croydon Creek	Candidate Debate/Forum (after approx. Oct. 11th) ▾	▾
9:30 a.m.	▾	▾	TRC 20th Anniversary	▾	TRC 20th Anniversary	▾	▾
10 a.m.	▾	▾	The Candidates	▾	The Candidates	▾	▾
11 a.m.	▾	▾	Historic Designation	▾	Historic Designation	▾	Cityline
11:30 a.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 p.m.	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Historic District Commission ▾	Planning Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾
4 p.m.	Customer Service	▾	TRC 20th Anniversary	Historic Designation ▾	▾	Historic Designation ▾	▾
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